



Wildlife Disease Association
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER

Colorado State University's Wildlife Disease Association Statement of Anti-Racism and Future Goals for Promoting Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice in the field of wildlife disease

We, the members of the Colorado State Chapter of the Wildlife Disease Association stand together to acknowledge the history of the field of wildlife research and conservation as one fraught with settler colonialism and racism. Together, we hope to work towards dismantling the existing paradigms within the field of wildlife science that have long promoted the marginalization and exclusion of People of color around the world. We also believe that promoting diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice within the field of wildlife research and conservation is absolutely necessary to conduct and implement strategies to protect biodiversity and promote One-Health towards environmental and health justice. To do so, we acknowledge how our field contributes to the exclusion of marginalized communities from wildlife conservation and actively work towards the promotion of justice and anti-racism in our field.

As a club, our goals moving forward are as follows:

- To encourage active self-reflection and continued education on our own dominant identities, biases, and privileges and how we contribute to historical and contemporary patterns of racism and settler colonialism in the field of wildlife research and conservation.
- To actively promote the work and contributions of scholars of color in the field of wildlife research and conservation.
- To seek out speakers and organize club events that promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice in the field of wildlife research and conservation.

If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to csuwda@gmail.com

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